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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security

SUBJECT : Debriefing of Ambassadors and Other  
Government Officials on CIA Operations

1. The recent publication of "The Invisible Government," containing as it does so many obvious breaches of security on the part of former Federal officials and probably some current Federal officials, raises the question of the debriefing of officials of other Government departments and agencies on CIA activities. For example, during the course of his career every U. S. Ambassador is privileged to become aware of a considerable number of Agency activities and operations. I assume that he is debriefed by his own department, but does this debriefing specifically refer, in any regard, to the knowledge he has obtained concerning highly sensitive CIA work? Would you look into this and see whether the Agency should make any more specific references to other agencies to insure that they are specifically debriefing their personnel on any knowledge of CIA activities.

2. Do we, as a regular procedure, keep a list of all other Government officials briefed on any CIA activities? If we don't, shouldn't we? And shouldn't this be something that is done quite carefully at Headquarters, all field installations, etc., with a central list maintained here?

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